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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>			
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-16 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-17 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>12, 13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-11, 14-17</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u></u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-16</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-16</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. In the present report, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 4 749 397 A;

D2: US-A-5 942 338.

2. Document D1 describes a glass substrate provided with a multi-layer coating that includes a metal layer optionally made of zirconium, a silver layer, another metal layer also optionally made of zirconium and, finally, an anti-reflective oxide layer (cf. column 2, lines 40-53) optionally made of zinc oxide (cf. column 5, lines 8-12). Example 9 (cf. table 1) describes an SnO₂/Zr/Ag/Zr/SnO₂ stack. The layers are deposited by means of cathode sputtering (cf. examples 1-11, column 8, lines 1-47).

D2 describes a similar coating with a stannate zinc/ZnO/Ag/Ti/ZnO/TiO stack (cf. example 1, sample 6). It is indicated that the titanium metal layer is optionally replaced with a

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zirconium layer (column 17, lines 15-19).

2.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

It follows that the subject matter of this claim is not novel because D1 describes a SnO₂/Zr/Ag/Zr/SnO₂ stack and the option of replacing SnO₂ with ZnO. The subject matter therefore corresponds to a selection from the same list (the PCT Guidelines, C-IV, 7.7 (i)) and such a selection cannot impart novelty to claim 1 (PCT Article 33(2)).

2.2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 17

The subject matter of claim 17 is not novel either for the same reasons as with claim 1 (PCT Article 33(2)).

2.3 Similarly, D2 deprives independent claims 1 and 17 of novelty.

3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-16

These claims do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, fulfil the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).